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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants would like to make of  
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FOREIGN PATENTS

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| 1. DE 88 1 648 U1  | issued November 10, 1988  |
| 2. DE 18 23 247 U1 | issued December 8, 1960   |
| 3. DE 16 83 678 U1 | issued August 27, 1954    |
| 4. DE 44 40 727 A1 | issued May 23, 1996       |
| 5. DE 10 27 844    | issued September 25, 1958 |
| 6. GB 447 712      | issued May 25, 1936       |
| 7. GB 15 74 347    | issued September 3, 1980  |

The relevance of these documents is as follows. Each of these documents were cited in the first examination report issued by the German Patent Office for the corresponding German application. The German Patent Office relied upon publication (1) to reject original claim 1 in the German application on the basis of novelty.

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Also enclosed herewith are two copies of the Form 1449 which lists these documents.

Consideration of the prior publications is requested.

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